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1. BDG FOREIGN MINISTER SHAMSUL HUQ ON JUNE 9 CONDEMNED THE ISRAELI AIR STRIKE ON THE IRAQI NUCLEAR PLANT AS "A MOST OUTRAGEOUS VIOLATION OF THE UN CHARTER AND ALL INTERNATIONAL LAWS AND NORMS". CONTINUING IN THE SAME STRONG TERMS, HUQ CALLED THE ATTACK AN "ACT OF INTERNATIONAL PIRACY", "NAKED ISRAELI AGRESSION WITHOUT ANY PROVOCATION" AND A "MOST ARROGANT

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EXAMPLE OF RECKLESS USE OF (ISRAELI) ARMS MIGHT." HUQ ALSO CHARACTERIZED IT AS "AN ACT OF BARBARITY WITHOUT PARALLEL", AN "AFFRONT TO THE ENTIRE CIVILIZED WORLD", AND A "CHALLENGE TO THE RULE OF LAW IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS." HUQ SAID THAT ISRAEL'S GROWING ARMED MIGHT POSES A THREAT "NOT ONLY TO THE MIDDLE EAST BUT ALSO TO INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY."

2. EDITORIAL REACTION TO THE RAID HAS SO FAR BEEN LIMITED. BDG-OWNED BANGLADESH TIMES IN JUNE 10 EDITORIAL STRONGLY CONDEMNED THE ISRAELI ATTACK BUT REFERRED TO THE U.S. EXPRESSION OF "UTMOST CONCERN" AND COMMENTED, "WE ARE INSPIRED BY THIS EXPRESSION OF ANXIETY BY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT, FOR IT IS THE UNITED STATES WHICH IS IN A POSITION TO EXERCISE USEFUL RESTRAINING POWERS ON ISRAELI LEADERS." THE ONLY OTHER EDITORIAL TO DATE WAS IN THE LEADING IN-

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DEPENDENT DAILY, ITTEFAQ. ITTEFAQ SEVERELY CRITICIZED THE RAID AND EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT ISRAEL'S ACTION WOULD UNDERMINE THE HABIB PEACE MISSION.

3. THE ISRAELI RAID HAS GENERALLY BEEN GIVEN PROMINENT FRONT-PAGE COVERAGE. THE U.S. STATEMENT EXPRESSING "UTMOST CONCERN" WAS WIDELY REPORTED ON JUNE 9, AND THE U.S. CONDEMNATION OF THE RAID RECEIVED GOOD PRESS PLAY ON JUNE 10.

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